

BOXING—ALL THE LATEST DOPE—BASEBALL

Feds Have an Auspicious Opening— Politics Still Babble.

The first game of the triple-plated Federal League opening between Buffalo and Baltimore in the Maryland city sent the new circuit away to a flying start as regards attendance. Over 30,000 fans crowded into the park. A rival game between the New York Giants and the Baltimore International Leaguers had to depend for patronage on the overflow which clamored for a sight of Federal League ball.

Taken all around, the game was up to the major standard. There was some ragged fielding, but the two teams have advanced in teamwork, and turned some pretty plays. Baltimore, in particular, with an infield composed of Swacina, Knabe, Doolan and Walsh tore off big league stuff for the full route.

The pitching of Quinn, Moore and Krapp, all former members of organized teams, was strong.

Politics of the diamond made a noble effort to hog the limelight. Bill Killifer was expelled from the Baseball Players' Fraternity for jumping his contract, and President Fultz also severely arraigned the magnates for luring him away.

The Philadelphia Nationals filed two suits against the Federals, one asking \$25,000 damages as a result of the Killifer case, and the other an injunction preventing the Feds from tampering with any more players in the Philly ranks.

President Gilmore and officials of the Chicago and Brooklyn clubs are named as defendants.

The suit of the Boston Braves against Pitcher Jack Quinn and officials of the Baltimore club was not filed. President Gaffney of the Braves said he had not abandoned the intention to sue, but would wait.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Federal League.
Baltimore, 3; Buffalo, 2.

National and American Open Up—
Blackburne at Second Base.

At the last moment Manager Callahan switched the line-up that has been traveling as the regular squad all spring, and Russell Blackburne been traveling as the regular squad second baseman. A change will also occur in right field, Daly or Schreiber



Eddie Cicotte, Sox Pitcher.

doing duty there until Jack Fournier's injured ankle has mended.

Placing Blackburne at second does not necessarily mean that the job is permanently filled. Scotty Alcock has done some noble work on the spring trip, and will slip into the gap at a moment's notice if Russell shows signs of cracking.

To hold down the position Blackburne must hit in the neighborhood